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Our Case No. 9281-3995  
(Client Ref. No. N US00077)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Naoya Hasegawa et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/900,992 ) Examiner Christopher R. Magee  
Filing Date: July 9, 2001 ) Group Art Unit No. 2653  
For: EXCHANGE COUPLING FILM AND )  
MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT )  
USING THE SAME )

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

- ☒ Applicant is:
- ☐ a small entity, verified statement is:
    - ☐ attached
    - ☐ already filed
  - ☒ other than small entity
- ☒ The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:
- ☒ Attached is a check for the § 1.17(e) fee.
  - ☐ Charge the § 1.17(e) fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.  
A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

☒ A submission must be filed along with this request. The following submission(s) is(are) filed herewith:

- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
- ☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

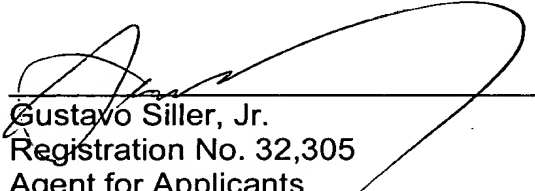
☒ A petition and fee for an extension of the time is enclosed herewith.

☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.

☒ Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 25, 2006

  
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